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Re: k023599
Trade/Device Name: ImmunoCard STAT! *E. coli* O157 Plus
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 866.3255
Regulation Name: Escherichia Coli Serological Reagents
Regulatory Class: Class I
Product Code: GMZ
Dated: October 25, 2002
Received: October 28, 2002

Dear Ms. Rolih:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 800 to 895. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

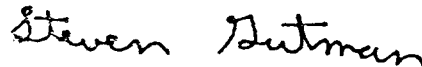
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Parts 801 and 809); and good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820).

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific information about the application of labeling requirements to your device, or questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of In Vitro Diagnostic Device Evaluation and Safety at (301) 594-3084. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Gutman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steven I. Gutman, M.D., M.B.A.
Director
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Evaluation and Safety
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Enclosure

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Device Name: ImmunoCard STAT! *E.coli* O157 Plus

Indications For Use:

The ImmunoCard STAT! *E.coli* O157 Plus is a rapid test for the detection of antigens from shiga toxin producing *E.coli* O157 as an aid in the diagnosis of *E.coli* O157:H7 infection. The test can be used to directly test stool specimens, stool in modified Cary-Blair medium or confirmatory stool cultures grown in MacConkey broth or sorbitol MacConkey (SMAC) plates.

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Peter James for Freddie Prole

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of Clinical Laboratory Devices

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